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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12/29/2000 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

This application has been filed with informal drawings, which are acceptable for examination purposes only. Figures 1 and 2 contain improper shading, lines, and text, which may affect clarity when reproduced.

Applicant is required to submit a formal correction of the noted defect. Applicant is required to submit drawing corrections promptly. Drawing objections may no longer be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Conklin et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,338,050.

Referring to claim 1. Conklin et al. discloses a method of providing an entitled price in an electronic transaction comprising:

- Electronically sending by a requestor a request for an entitled price from a public electronic environment (at least column 23, lines 19-36, "Thus, the present

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invention enables the collection and storing of negotiations and results data in a highly secure hosting environment over a public network”);

- Automatically routing the request to a private electronic environment (at least column 18, lines 38-47, “The present invention allows the creation of one or more sponsored communities of any number of types for conducting iterative negotiations over a network. As seen in FIG. 1a, the network used is the present-day Internet with TCP-IP protocols and formats, but those skilled in the art will appreciate that it could also be implemented on any future open network(s) which might replace or supplement the Internet, or it could be implemented inside current, private networks within a corporation, if desired”);
- Obtaining the entitled price within the private electronic environment while the requestor waits (at least Abstract, “... allows a seller/participant to use remote authoring templates to create a complete Website for immediate integration and activation in the community, to evaluate proposed buyer orders and counteroffers, and to negotiate multiple variables such as price, terms, conditions, etc., iteratively with a buyer.”); and
- Automatically returning the entitled price from the private electronic environment to the public electronic environment for providing to the requestor (at least Abstract).

Referring to claim 2. Conklin et al. further discloses a method wherein the public electronic environment comprises:

- A front end application (at least column 11, line 60 to column 12, line 14);

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- Wherein the private electronic comprises a back end Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) application, wherein the electronically sending comprises electronically sending by the requestor the request via the front end application, wherein the automatically routing comprises automatically routing the request to the ERP application, wherein the obtaining comprises obtaining the entitled price from the ERP application while the requestor waits, and wherein the automatically returning comprises automatically returning the entitled price from the ERP application to the front end application for providing to the requestor (at least Abstract).

Referring to claims 3-6. Conklin et al. further discloses a method wherein the automatically routing and the automatically returning are accomplished at least in part by messaging middleware, wherein:

- The messaging middleware comprises MQSERIES and the ERP application comprises SAP (at least column 20, line 61 to column 21, line 18);
- The messaging middleware comprises MSMQ (at least column 20, line 61 to column 21, line 18).

Referring to claims 7-8. Conklin et al. further discloses a method wherein the ERP application comprises SAP and/or BAAN (at least column 20, line 61 to column 21, line 18).

Referring to claim 9. Conklin et al. further discloses a method wherein the public electronic environment comprises a global computer network, and wherein the front end application comprises a browser (at least column 2, lines 3-11).

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Referring to claim 10. Conklin et al. further discloses a method wherein the electronic transaction takes place at least partially over the global computer network, wherein the electronically sending comprises electronically sending the request from the browser to a global computer network site server, and wherein the automatically routing comprises:

- Forwarding the request from the global computer network site server to messaging middleware (at least column 20, line 61 to column 21, line 18);
- Sending the request from the messaging middleware to the ERP application (at least column 20, line 61 to column 21, line 18); and
- Causing by the messaging middleware a command to be issued to the ERP application (at least column 20, line 61 to column 21, line 18).

Referring to claim 11. Conklin et al. further discloses a method wherein the automatically returning comprises:

- Sending the entitled price from the ERP application to the messaging middleware (at least column 20, line 61 to column 21, line 18);
- Forwarding the entitled price from the messaging middleware to the global computer network site server (at least column 20, line 61 to column 21, line 18); and
- Returning the entitled price from the global computer network site server to the browser (at least column 20, line 61 to column 21, line 18).

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Referring to claim 12. Conklin et al. further discloses a method comprising encrypting and decrypting communications between the browser and the global computer network site (at least column 33, line 48-64).

Referring to claims 13-24. Claims 13-24 are rejection by the same rationale set forth above in claims 1-12.

Referring to claims 25-36. Claims 25-36 are rejected by the same rationale set forth above in claims 1-12.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Beck et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,381,640, April 30, 2002; Discloses a method and apparatus for automated personalization and presentation of workload assignments to agents within a multimedia communication center.

"Supplier Bar Codes: Closing The EDI Loop," Joseph R. Carter and Gary L. Ragatz, The National Association of Purchasing Management, Inc., 1991

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Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Matthew Gart whose telephone number is 703-305-5355. This examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-5:30PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ms. Wynn Coggins can be reached on 703-308-1344. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-746-7239 for regular communications and 703-746-7238 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

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